

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION

FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title:

The Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

2. Organization Name and address:

Recipient: The State of Oregon's Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Sponsor: The Nature Conservancy in Oregon
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3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, and Alaska, plus three tribes

The following counties in Oregon benefit from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund:

Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

The Nature Conservancy is a private, international, non-profit organization that preserves plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. To date the Conservancy has been responsible for the protection of more than 12 million acres in the United States and has helped preserve more than 80 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific.

In Oregon, the Conservancy owns or manages 46 nature preserves and has helped protect over 500,000 acres of important habitats, with support from about 23,000 household members.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) supports the conservation and recovery of Pacific salmon across the rivers, watersheds, and coastal areas they inhabit in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, and Alaska, including tribal lands. PCSRF supplements and complements existing federal, state and tribal programs to conserve and restore Pacific salmon and steelhead. By working in conjunction with existing programs, PCSRF leverages the capabilities, expertise and information of multiple entities, while improving the effectiveness of salmon recovery efforts overall.

PCSRF was established by Congress in response to the listings of Pacific salmon and steelhead populations in the 1990s as well as the 1999 Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement. In 1991, the federal government listed the Snake River Sockeye salmon as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This listing, combined with subsequent listings of chinook, coho, chum and steelhead and bull trout stocks, covers 55 percent of Oregon.

PCSRF funds have been used by state, local and tribal entities to restore and protect salmon habitat, conduct watershed assessments, develop local plans for restoration efforts and management, enhance salmon populations, educate constituencies and conduct research to monitor, evaluate and support salmon conservation and recovery.

In Oregon, PCSRF funds appropriated for the state go to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), which was established by the State in 2000. Projects funded by the PCSRF are crucial to sustaining Oregon Watershed Councils and Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the jobs they provide, plus are crucial to the economic health of fishing communities and fishing industries.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes, Congress established the program in Fiscal Year 2000 to address the listings of Pacific salmon and steelhead populations under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as well as the impacts of the Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement between the United States and Canada.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Overall PCSRF funding for all five States and three Tribes:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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FY00:	\$58.0M
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FY01:	\$89.9M
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FY02:	\$110.0M
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FY03:	\$89.4M
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FY04	\$89.0M
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FY05:	\$88.7M
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FY06:	\$66.5M
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FY07:	\$66.6M
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FY08	\$67.0M
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FY09:	Awaiting 2009 Budget
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8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The use of PCSRF funds has a direct benefit to create jobs and improve the economy in Oregon. For example, PCSRF funds directly and indirectly support the staff of 90 local watershed councils and 45 soil and water conservation districts across the state. These local groups use PCSRF grants to do habitat restoration work which - similar to traditional

construction - employs engineers, equipment operators, suppliers, and many others. Restoration projects have an immediate economic impact in the form of jobs, plus they provide long term benefits by protecting built infrastructure, attracting business and tourism, increasing sport and commercial fisheries, and protecting drinking water upon which local communities depend.

PCSRF is essential for responding to the ESA listings of Pacific salmon and steelhead populations, and supporting the state's economy. Salmon continues to be an integral part of Oregon's history, culture, economy, and recreational enjoyment. Fishing supports businesses and provides jobs and recreational experiences for a wide range of citizens. From an economic perspective, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates that Oregon's commercial fisheries generated over \$250 million in Oregon personal income in 2007, and a US Fish and Wildlife Service Survey estimated that over \$620 million was spent to fish recreationally in Oregon in 2006 (generating over \$330 million in Oregon personal income).

Since 2000, over \$100 million of PCSRF funds have been distributed by OWEB in Oregon. When PCSRF funds are matched with Oregon Lottery funds for on-the-ground-restoration, OWEB has been able to support more than 3,913 grants.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Yes, requests will be made to all members of Oregon's delegation.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

Total PCSRF funds are presented in Table 1 below:

Table 1. PCSRF Funding (Entire Program for All Five States and Three Tribes)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FY00:	\$58.0M
FY01:	\$89.9M
FY02:	\$110.0M
FY03:	\$89.4M
FY04:	\$89.0M
FY05:	\$88.7M
FY06:	\$66.5M
FY07:	\$66.6M
FY08:	\$67.0M
FY09:	Awaiting 2009 Budget

For total project costs for Oregon specifically, Table 2 below represents the total distribution of PCSRF funds to Oregon, plus the second column provides the amount of state match that PCSRF funds have leveraged:

Table 2. PCSRF Funds (Oregon Distribution and State Match)

<u>Year</u>	Amount of PCSRF Funds <u>Distributed</u> <u>to Oregon</u>	<u>Match of</u> <u>State Funds</u>
FY00:	\$9.0M	\$20.5M
FY01:	\$15.1M	\$26.7M
FY02:	\$17.0M	\$8.2M
FY03:	\$13.9M	\$19.2M
FY04:	\$13.0M	\$11.0M
FY05:	\$12.8M	\$33.0M
FY06:	\$6.4M	\$21.7M
FY07:	\$7.3M	\$62.2M
FY08:	\$8.2M	\$9.6M
FY09:	Awaiting 2009 Budget	

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$90 million for the entire program for all five states - Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, and Alaska - and three tribes.

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity?
(Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

The PCSRF funds are crucial to leverage additional funds, and Oregon has been a leader in this regard. With its 181% state match over the 2000-2008 period, Oregon leverages more habitat restoration projects per federal dollar than all other recipients of PCSRF funds. Since its inception, over \$100 million in PCSRF funds have drawn over \$200 million in State funds.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

Yes, funding will be requested in future years.

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.
(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

All funds will be distributed by OWEB to local, on-the-ground efforts. OWEB awards grants to applicants on a competitive basis for habitat restoration, habitat protection through acquisition, assessments and feasibility studies, monitoring and planning.

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

The State of Oregon supports this project. Additional support comes from a vast array of tribes, state agencies, local watershed councils, local governments, non-profit organizations, landowners, local soil and water conservation districts that have received grants from OWEB and PCSRF. A sample of recipients includes:

Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council, Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, Bear Creek Watershed Council Ed Partners, Clackamas River Basin Council, Confederated Tribes Warm Springs, Coos Watershed Association, Crooked River Watershed Council, Eagle Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, Ecola Creek Watershed Council, Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program, Greater Oregon City Watershed Council, Hermiston Irrigation District, Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District, Institute for Applied Ecology, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Klamath Outdoor Science School, Lincoln County, McKenzie River Trust, Mid John Day Watershed Council, Nestucca-Neskowin Watershed Council, Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers, Rickreall Watershed Council, Sandy River Basin Watershed Council, Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council, Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District, Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council, Wallowa Resources, Wasco Soil and Water Conservation District, Washington County DLUT, Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes.

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:

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